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Accused killer makes first court appearance

BY DAN SINGLETON &
SYLVIA COLE
Review Staff

A former schoolteacher and current daycare director in Calgary, who was charged with second degree murder after her husband was shot and killed on a rural property about 45 kilometres west of Didsbury on Friday has made her first court appearance.

Heather Elaine Wilson Duncan, 60 appeared before Judge Eugene Creighton in Didsbury provincial court Monday.

Wearing a knit sweater and dress pants, the accused did not speak during the five-minute appearance. She appeared to be composed and listening attentively to the proceedings.

At the request of her lawyer, Calgary's Jim Butlin, the case was adjourned until a Dec. 20 court appearance in Didsbury for the reading of the charge and election. Wilson Duncan remains in custody.

At about 6 p.m. Friday, Didsbury, Olds and Sundre RCMP were called to a rural acreage in Fallentimber, where they found Barry Alexander Duncan dead.

The accused, who called

911, was arrested at the scene and charged on Saturday.

Speaking outside court, Butlin said although he couldn't go into details about what his client has told him about the shooting incident, he would say, "This is a situation involving the consumption of liquor. I'm not going to say there was an argument, but there was liquor consumption."

The accused does not own a firearm, he said.

Butlin said he will be seeking the accused's release on bail, perhaps as early as this week when he plans to make an application for a show cause hearing before the Court of Queen's Bench.

He said his client and the deceased have been married five years.

They moved to the acreage from Calgary seven years ago.

"She is obviously very distraught about the whole thing," said Butlin. "This is completely out of character for her."

He said the accused owns a number of businesses, although he declined to name them.

The Crown will be assigning a specific prosecutor to the case.

Members of the Fallentimber community



ESCORTED IN - Heather Elaine Wilson Duncan is escorted into Didsbury Provincial Court on Dec. 13.

Noel West/Didsbury Review

say they are in disbelief that their neighbour, Wilson Duncan, allegedly shot her husband dead. The couple appeared friendly and helpful, said neighbour Esther

McMullen who lives south of the Duncans' property.

"I'm just so shocked," said McMullen, who said Wilson Duncan is a daycare director in Calgary. She said she spoke with

Wilson Duncan late last month, who showed interest in becoming more involved in the community.

"I told her I had an open house (at my ceramic shop) at the end of the

month. She said she wasn't going to be able to make it, but wanted to know about other upcoming events," she said.

See "Murder" p11

Fines for not shovelling concern seniors

BY SYLVIA COLE
Review Staff

Scraping windows and shovelling walks has become the morning routine for most people since Mother Nature slammed Didsbury with the white stuff last month. But some seniors, who find these tasks difficult, are out shovelling sidewalks regardless, to avoid a \$115 fine.

"I'm concerned," said resident Ed Smith who appeared at last week's council on behalf of seniors who need some help. "We're walking down the street three or four days

ago and we met up with an older gentleman shovelling his sidewalk. The reason he was doing this was because he received a notice saying if he didn't do it he was going to be fined \$100 and he was not in good shape to be out shovelling snow."

Smith asked council if they could get a bobcat out to the homes of residents who are unable to shovel their own walkways but council was dubious to that idea because of the costs associated with travelling to different areas of town to scrape specific sidewalks.

"If we start sending a

bobcat out I know doggone well I'll have neighbours all around saying, well why can't they do my sidewalks? Then it kind of snowballs into someone else where people will ask, 'why are we spending tax dollars on this?'" said councillor Gayle Veno.

Council was hesitant to take action, saying instead they'd like to see neighbours and Senior Support Services step up to the plate.

"This is strictly (geared) towards seniors. I don't want this to be something we're going to coordinate through town and then get calls from people with ...

this reason or that, (for not shovelling)," said Mayor Brian Wittal.

He agrees with Smith that "this is an issue we need to address" and hopes by sitting down with Senior Support Services they might be able to come up with a list of volunteers or organizations that could help.

Lois Wright, office liaison for Senior Support Services said the number of calls varies with each snowfall but said she did get quite a few requests in November.

"Seniors have to shovel, but some of them just can't."

She said there is a list in place of schoolchildren and adults who will shovel the walks but there typically is a cost associated that is determined between seniors and kids and varies job to job.

Smith worries for seniors who don't have a lot of money to pay for shovelling. He said he'd like to see a program similar to one set up in Carstairs where "snow angels" will shovel seniors' sidewalks for free if needed.

"It is a good idea and it would give some help for people who really need it. That's what I'm concerned about. They're weak, in

poor health and don't have all that much money to spend."

Derek Sutherland, peace officer for Didsbury, said the reason residents are required to shovel their sidewalk is for the safety of people walking. He said typically they post a warning first, giving owners 24 hours to shovel the sidewalk and then ticket if it hasn't been done.

"If people have been warned in the past and it's perpetual we may just go to straight to the ticket. We don't have to give a warning, it's more of a courtesy but we do it because we want compliance."



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What The Spell ?

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Michael Fawns, left, and Tyler Chomyn congratulate George Holdstock, right, for successfully spelling a word.



Rielly Cummings



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Christmas Message from Blake Richards, MP

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Westglen students quizzed at spelling bee

BY SYLVIA COLE
Review Staff

It all came down to 'lackadaisical' at last week's spelling bee, an antonym for the mood of each contestant.

Thirty Westglen students in Grades 5 to 8 assembled on stage in front of the school, parents and a panel of judges for a spelling bee showdown that took eight rounds to suss a winner.

Students competed first in their class two weeks ago, and the top three from each room advanced to Tuesday afternoon's Canspell Calgary Herald Spelling Bee. The crowd first waited silently as each student spelled out a word and then clapped and cheered when the answers were correct.

The first round took

eight kids out of the competition with words such as 'ferret', 'optimism' and 'satchel' stumping spellers. In round two, words increased in difficulty and four kids were taken off stage.

Competitors moved in closer to one another as seats began emptying on the stage and a group of remaining boys in the front row high-fived each other after each word was spelled correctly.

Fans watching in the back row brought posters to cheer on contestants. And the pronouncer, Carolyn Massel, cringed and apologized every time she had to tell another contestant their spelling was incorrect.

Round five had only six students remaining, all girls, and by round seven three were left standing.

The spelling of 'cinematographer' by one student was incorrect in round seven and two words remained to determine which student would have the chance to advance to the regional bee March 5 at the University of Calgary.

Cassandra Geist, Grade 7, spelled 'anthropology' correctly and Trisha Rutley, Grade 8, slipped up with 'lackadaisical' but took home second place position and a prize.

Geist will have to complete a written spelling test to determine whether she places for the regionals in March. If she places there, she can continue to the Canspell National Spelling Bee in Ottawa. If she is unable to make the regionals in March, the runner-up, Rutley, is eligible to go in her place.

This is the first year Westglen School offered the spelling bee, and it's a tradition principal Jeff Thompson hopes to see continue.

"We did make a commitment to make this an annual event and from what we've heard from the kids all the way up to the adults is that they really enjoyed it," he said.

Grade 6 teacher Georgie Perginy, who, with the help of her students, organized and set up for the event offered the idea to the school.

"It gets so intense, the kids get involved and they're rooting for each other. The whole school was pumped all week and I was really excited to see it."

Judges included Mayor Brian Wittal, superintendent

of schools Kurt Sacher, school trustee Gordon Kerr and principal Jeff Thompson.



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BY SYLVIA COLE
Review Staff

Council voted unanimously to deny a request from affordable housing developers, Clay Cup to

waive a recreation fee levy. James Carpenter, of Clay Cup Developers asked council Tuesday night to waive the \$20,000 total fee on a 40-unit townhome subdivision that wasn't

budgeted in Clay Cup's application for an affordable housing grant with the provincial government over a year and a half ago.

In his letter to council, Carpenter explains he didn't plan for the levy fee but will provide a private park with public access.

Carpenter asked council to waive the rate because "we believe we are bringing something greater to the town than what a tax would bring in this situation," he wrote.

The park is a rain garden that allows rainwater runoff to absorb. The water is being trapped purposely as part of a pilot project to demonstrate alternate land development and tours will be conducted with people coming in from all over Canada. It was the first time council had heard a request to waive the levy for affordable housing since the bylaw was enacted in 2008.

"If we did that (waived fee), we're setting a precedent for other developers ... We don't want to be doing that. Those dollars have to be earmarked towards recreation and we don't want to be giving it

away for park development all the time," said Mayor Brian Wittal of the decision.

"That \$500 a unit, is that something I'm willing to give up for limited access to a public park for maybe some residents down in Valarosa that will decide to walk over there? Or am I better to take that recreation money and put it towards a facility that will serve more residents?"

Carpenter said he's disappointed about the decision saying, he didn't budget for the fee in his grant proposal but after talking to council members on Wednesday, understands where the town is coming from.

The current rate and fee bylaw requires \$500 per unit to be paid by the developer for all new residential infill and bare land lot developments with the money going towards upgrading and enhancing recreation facilities in the community. The money collected is put into a reserve and applied towards expansion of recreation facilities and parks as the population grows.

Community Briefs

BY SYLVIA COLE
Review Staff

Parking spots getting nixed

Two parking spots will be removed from 19th Avenue across from the town office.

Mark Sture, manager of public works, expressed concerns to council Tuesday night about visibility at the intersection of 19th Avenue and 21 Street. He said it was recently noticed the stop sign on the east leg of the intersection (westbound traffic) is on the wrong side of the road and should be to the right, not the left. Removing two parking spots in front of the AGT spot that has a maximum 15-minute restriction will increase sight lines.

Open house coming in January

Ideas generated from a public meeting last spring were put into the town's area redevelopment plan presented to council on Tuesday.

The plan, in a draft stage, outlines the goals for developing the East Tracks and 20th Avenue corridor coming into the community from Highway 582.

The plan will be presented to the public at the beginning of January for feedback. Another opportunity for public feedback will be offered during a public hearing process following first reading of the plan.

During the spring meeting people expressed a belief that the east side should start to mirror the historic downtown core.

The objectives outlined in the draft state just that as well as including the need for pedestrian walkways, adequate parking areas and community gathering spaces.

Crime Prevention through Environmental Design principles was used in the project, at no additional cost. CPED looks at ways to make criminal activity more difficult by creating public spaces that are open and easy to see all areas.

The area redevelopment plan was started in 2010 after council decided a year prior to create a plan to expand the downtown commercial core and improve the aesthetics of the entrance corridor into town.

Council creates strategic plan

The creation of a strategic plan for Didsbury over the next three years was recently completed and residents can expect to take a peek at council's new goals.

The plan, created by council early this month outlines how they plan to be accountable, build on community pride and communicate. Plans include creating a 'come home' committee focused on people who leave temporarily and young people who have left but may consider coming back. Redeveloping land adjoining the railway tracks along 19th and 20th streets is another goal. Council agreed to spend \$5,000 to distribute a mail-out copy of the plan. It will also be available at the town office.



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- Ask your server if nutrition information is available to help you make a healthy choice.
- Choose salad over fries and ask for a low-fat dressing.
- Drink water, lower-fat milk or 100% fruit juice.
- Order sauces and dressing on the side, that way you control how much you add.
- Choose poultry, meat and fish that are grilled, roasted, baked or broiled.
- Look for lower sodium choices.
- Portion sizes in restaurants are often large, so take the leftovers home.

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Opinion

Commentary Nervous time for Stelmach Tories

DAN SINGLETON



The Stelmach Tories probably won't have to fight another provincial election until the spring of 2012 - and judging by the results of two recent provincewide public opinion surveys, they should be very thankful that the next election isn't in the spring of 2011.

And while the Tories are probably hoping that another year in power will give them a chance to turn their fortunes around, the three principal opposition parties are already fighting hard to score points against the embattled Conservatives.

An Environics poll released last week found that the Conservatives have 34 per cent public support, the Wildrose Alliance 32 per cent, the Liberals 19 per cent and the NDP 13.

The findings are bad news for both the Conservatives, who had 53 per cent support in the 2008 election, and the Liberals, who had 26 per cent in 2008.

For the NDP, an increase of four per cent from 2008 isn't really good news or bad news - the bottom line is the party remains mired on the fringe, far, far from power.

On the other hand, the results are great news for the Wildrose Alliance, showing definitively that the upstart party has become a major player on the Alberta political scene.

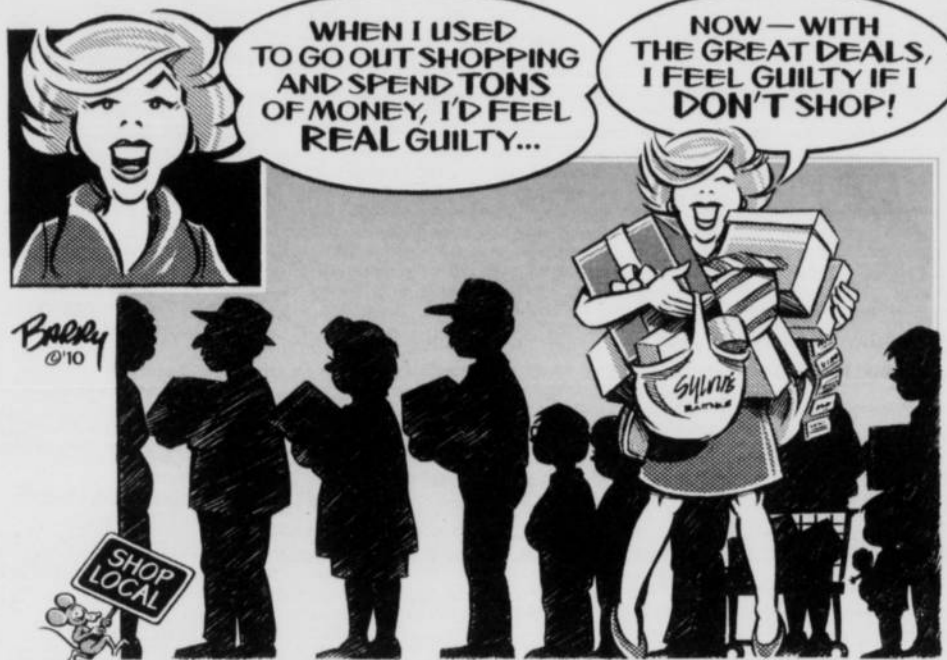
With an increase in public support from seven to 32 per cent in just two years, all of it at the expense of the Tories and Liberals, Danielle Smith's party has quite literally staged a revolution in Alberta politics.

The steep fall in support for the Conservatives probably has at least something to do with widespread public concern over the Stelmach Tories' handling of the health-care system.

In particular, the combination of long emergency room wait times and widespread disillusion with the government-appointed Alberta Health Services Board has created a public perception, at least in some quarters, that Premier Stelmach and his cabinet colleagues are asleep at the wheel.

In related news, the newly released Health Quality Council of Alberta's "Satisfaction and Experience with Health Care Services: A Survey of Albertans 2010" has found that fully 30 per cent of patients who visited emergency rooms in the past 12 months said they actually considered leaving without receiving treatment because of long wait times. Can that finding be seen as anything other than a shocking indictment of a health-care system in crisis?

The next provincial election will likely be held in the spring of 2012. If the current trends in political support and health-care disillusion continue, the next 12 months could be a very nervous time for the Stelmach Tories, including those in West Central Alberta.



Wealth views impact public policy

DAVID SEYMOUR

If you ask people how wealthy we are compared to people in 1900, the average person will say we're about 50 per cent wealthier today. There are even some who think we are actually poorer than our great-grandparents were.

This matters for two reasons. First of all, they're wildly incorrect. Canadians today are roughly 10 to 20 times richer than their great-grandparents.

grandparents.

I say roughly because it's hard to compare our economy to theirs. We don't really know what they would have paid for things like cars, TVs or air travel, if they'd had them.

What we can say is that we are much, much more than 50 per cent richer, and yet for some strange reason most people think we're not.

Second of all, this misbelief has serious consequences for public policy.

People who don't believe our economy can actually generate wealth are unlikely to vote for policies that promote growth, but if we don't have pro-growth policies, we really will stop making economic progress.

Next time somebody gets down on economic growth, remind them that Canadians today live 30 years longer than their great-grandparents, that our land supports six times as many people as it did then, and that we've gotten 10 times richer at the same time.

Letter to the editor Alberta needs to power up

Alberta's network of transmission lines has become a creaky backbone that can no longer conduct a stable supply of electricity to Albertans.

That our province hasn't completed a major transmission project for 20 years puts it in a similar predicament as other jurisdictions in North America. We, however, are fortunate to have a government that's doing something about it.

The Alberta Chambers of Commerce (ACC) is a federation of 124 chambers representing 22,000 businesses. Our organization has long been concerned about the static state of Alberta's transmission lines because businesses need a stable supply of electricity to operate efficiently. The sudden power failures that have occurred in recent years drastically affect their operations.

When we consider industry and commercial operations account for 78 per cent of energy use in Alberta, the importance of a secure power

supply to the business community becomes obvious. For this reason, ACC has for many years been urging the Alberta government to upgrade and increase its transmission capacity. That's why we are pleased with the progress that's occurred towards completing critically needed upgrades and expansions to our provincial transmission system.

In 2009, the Alberta Electricity System Operator (AESO) identified the necessity of adding almost 12,000 megawatts of generation to meet Albertans' current and future demand. It also laid out a \$14.5-billion plan to build two new transmission lines between Calgary and Edmonton, a line to Alberta's Industrial Heartland northeast of Edmonton, and two lines from the Industrial Heartland to Fort McMurray.

ACC supports the steps our government has taken to move forward with this vital infrastructure. When a province experiences three per cent

annual growth in power consumption (equal to plugging two Red Deers into the grid) its network needs a boost, especially when it was stretched to its limit before the latest growth spurt.

Determining the routes, technology and infrastructure for transmission lines is the task of the Alberta Utilities Commission. Our federation's concern has been the first fundamental step of approving the need for these vital projects because it takes years to construct the lines once they get the green light.

ACC also recognizes our province's reputation for power reliability has tremendous impact on our potential to attract business. We believe AESO's plan to strengthen and expand our transmission backbone will prepare Alberta for sustained growth in all sectors of our economy.

Ken Kobly
President and CEO
Alberta Chambers of Commerce

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Merry Christmas from the Mayor, Council and Staff!

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MUNICIPAL PLANNING COMMISSION:

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For more information or to register, call Didsbury Neighborhood Place at 403-335-8719.

BYLAW STATISTICAL REPORT FOR NOVEMBER 2010

The following information are the number of tickets issued from November, 2010 for Traffic Enforcement and Animal Control and other Municipal Bylaws.

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Improperly Crossing single solid line	2	Trailers unattached on the street	9
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Stop Sign	5	Vehicle Blocking the sidewalk	1
Documentation	1	Dog at large	2
Littering	1	Sidewalk notices	15
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Concert showcases different style

BY SYLVIA COLE
Review Staff

This weekend Tracie Skeet-Brook will be belting out Christmas tunes at the Classical Christmas show – but not at the top of her lungs, she hopes.

Having grown up in Didsbury, Skeet-Brook just returned home after spending five years in Vancouver at the Vancouver Academy of Music where she studied opera.

"I was always into musical theatre but as I got older I found my voice got bigger," said Skeet-Brook of how she found herself gravitating towards operatic music.

She hopes to give people a taste of a different style of music at this weekend's show. Her performance, while geared towards seasonal music, won't focus on standard Christmas carols most everyone knows.

"My voice doesn't appeal to Silver Bells," she said. "I'll be playing certain traditional songs with a more classical style with operatic arias," she explained. Most songs will be in English but there will also be a mix of German and Latin as well.

"I don't want to do too much opera. I want to give the audience a taste of it but focus more on the lighter side for the evening."

Skeet-Brook said she's been surprising people with her voice at performances in the last couple of weeks. She sang a song during a Top-Note music performance last weekend, and blew the crowd away. This Sunday she'll be singing in the music room at Didsbury High School and said she'll have to go to the school before the performance to test out how loud she can sing.

"I sing here (at work) during the night when no one's around," she said, laughing. "I won't sing in the day because it's just too loud and I'd be heard throughout the building."

Skeet-Brook is raising money from her concerts to go towards more courses and also for travel expenses to the States for

auditions into opera companies.

Skeet-Brook will perform this Sunday at 3 p.m. at Didsbury High School, for \$10. She'll also play at St. John's Anglican Church in Olds the following day at 3 p.m. as well.



Sylvia Cole/Didsbury Review

TREE OF HOPE

Thirty people showed up to unit 4 of the Didsbury Hospital last Monday night for the annual Light up the Tree event. There were 470 names read in memory of people who have passed or as a greeting of hope. The lights were sold to enhance the care to those needing palliative care. The event raised \$3,900 in two weeks.



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Sled dog season begins

BY SYLVIA COLE
Review Staff

The howling of nine dogs in tandem rang through the parking lot of the Rosebud Classic sled trail last Saturday. Dogs and owners were eager to start another season of sled dog racing.

The trail opened last week save for Wednesday and Thursday, when temperatures rose above 0 degrees and racers had to wait at bay for temperatures to dip once again.

"We don't like having people out this early in the season when it's above

zero because the snow gets ripped up and exposes the grass," explained president of Rosebud Run Sleddog Society Bill Windsor.

Thankfully for lovers of the sport, the temperatures have remained well below zero all weekend.

"It's all about the dogs," explained Rochelle Byiers of what brings her back to the sport year after year. "Giving them a chance to do something they love is what makes it worth it," she said, adding the thrill of racing around the track with her dogs leading the way is indescribable.

Kevin Sparham travels from Calgary most weekends to camp out in his trailer and give his dogs a

chance to do "what they're meant to do." He said all of his dogs are rescue dogs and he brings them to the trail to get the exercise and energy they need.

"It's great to do it on private property because then there aren't other people coming in and changing the trails," he said. The dogs, trained to follow a trail, will get lead astray if a change in the route is made. Windsor said he stresses to people using the trails for cross-country skiing to not divert and try to make a shortcut because dogs will take it too, and can make a mess of the course. He said while cross-country skiers use the course during the day,

mushers can come in the night when it's dark because the dogs can find their way.

Byiers and Sparham were out having fun this weekend but also getting some training in for the annual Sleddog Classic, a race that brings people in from all over.

"I do it for fun," said Byiers, who laughed and said she usually comes in last.

"But it's good to get out there with the dogs and have some fun," she explained. A fun race will be held on January 1 starting at 9 a.m. The big race, bringing in professional dogsled racers, will be held January 29 and 30th.



Noel West/Didsbury Review

Kevin Sparham's team of huskies drives a sled around a course built for the Rosebud Run Sleddog Classic on Dec. 11.

Dragons win tournament

BY SYLVIA COLE
Review Staff

The Dragons came out on top this weekend at their fourth annual Didsbury Dragons tournament.

Senior boys basketball played Banff early in the afternoon Friday and won 82-51. They went on to beat Eddison Holly Redeemer High 73-63 after struggling in the third quarter after a play got pulled.

"They were stronger than we expected," said coach Jeff Johnson, who said it was the strongest batch

of teams that played at Didsbury High School except for zones last year.

The Dragons played their final game and won against Grand Trunk with 13 points, 74-61.

"It was a tough tourna-

ment, most games were quite close," said Johnson, who was pleased with the results.

Didsbury will play a home game Wednesday against Carstairs and play next Monday at Olds Koinonia.



Noel West/Didsbury Review

Didsbury Dragons player Mike Northcott drives to the hoop over Banff Bears player Eran Wortman during their game at Didsbury High School on Dec. 10.



Noel West/Didsbury Review

A Didsbury Bantam player fights for the puck from an Olds Ice Warrior player during their game on Dec. 10.

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Katherine Mullally picks out some presents during Ross Ford's annual White Elephant Sale on Friday. All money raised is donated to the Christmas Hamper program, that helps children and their families in Didsbury through Christmas. The school raised approximately \$1,153.

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Pursuant to section 73 of the Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act, any person who is directly affected by this operation may submit a written statement of concern regarding this application. Failure to file a statement of concern may affect the right to file a Notice of Appeal with the Environmental Appeals Board. Such a statement of concern must be submitted to:

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Alberta Environment
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Fax: (780) 422-0154

within 30 days of the date of this notice. Please quote Application No. 010-351 when submitting a statement of concern in regards to the Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act application.

NOTE: Any statements filed regarding this application are public records, which are accessible by the public.

Copies of the application and additional information can be obtained from:

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Tina Visser passed away at her home on December 1, 2010.

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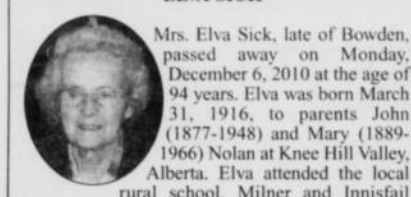
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ELVA SICK



Mrs. Elva Sick, late of Bowden, passed away on Monday, December 6, 2010 at the age of 94 years. Elva was born March 31, 1916, to parents John (1877-1948) and Mary (1889-1966) Nolan at Kneehill Valley, Alberta. Elva attended the local rural school, Milner and Innisfail High School. After one year at Calgary Normal School and two years' teaching experience, she received her Professional First Class Teaching Certificate, and later completed her Bachelor of Education and Graduate Diploma in Educational Administration. Elva enjoyed teaching for a total of thirty-four years - two years at Clarendon, two years at Steadman, and a total of thirty years at Bowden.

On July 10, 1941, Elva and Walter Sick, of Innisfail, were married and they lived in Exshaw until Walter enlisted in the RCAF. At the end of the war, they made their home in Bowden and together raised a family of three sons, Gerald and twins, Roger and Russell. The family operated "Sick's General Store" in Bowden from 1945 - 1963 and participated in many of the activities of the Bowden community until Walter's death in 1989 and Innisfail. Elva is survived by her sons: Gerald, Roger and Russell Sick, all of Calgary; sister-in-law Ingrid Churchill of Innisfail; and many nieces, nephews, cousins and their families. She is predeceased by her husband, Walter F. Sick; an infant brother, Alexander Richard Nolan; three sisters and their husbands: Catherine and Shirley Fawcett, Esther and Stanley Benedict, and Winnie and Harold Benedict; and sister-in-law Winnie (Frank) Churchill and brother-in-law Arthur (Muriel) Sick. To honour Elva's request, no public service will be held. Cremation is entrusted to Metcalf Funeral Chapel with interment to follow at the Bowden Cemetery at a later time. If friends so desire, memorial tributes may be made to a charity of the donor's choice. Our family wishes to express sincere gratitude to relatives and friends for their continued support during this difficult time. Condolences to the family may be forwarded from www.metcalffuneralchapel.com. Arrangements entrusted to Metcalf Funeral Chapel, 4200 49th Ave, Innisfail. Phone: 403-227-3123. Locally owned and operated. Proudly serving our community for over 48 years.



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COMBO #1
2 pieces of chicken, wedges and 4 oz. salad

COMBO #2
Small soup and Full sandwich

Large Soup \$2.99
Small Soup \$1.99

*Excludes weekends & holidays

CHECK OUT OUR DAILY SOUP FEATURE

MURDER

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Mullen said the couple had just returned from a cruise about a week ago.

"I've met the two of them before and they always seemed like such a friendly couple ... but I guess you never know what goes on behind closed doors."

Police said motive is still under investigation and aren't releasing details on what type of gun was used or how many times the husband, 68, was shot.

Police said there is no known history of domestic violence.

Parents & Grandparents...

If your child or grandchild was born in 2010 don't miss this opportunity to include their cute little "Baby Face" in our

Babies of 2010

to be published in

Review Tuesday, January 25, 2011

Mom, Dad, Grandma or Grandpa...if your child or grandchild was born **any time in 2010**, don't miss this opportunity to show off the latest addition to your family in **The Didsbury Review 2010 Baby Register.**

It will make a wonderful keepsake for your child. Bring your baby's photo to The Didsbury Review office, e-mail to advertising@didsburygreatwest.ca or send by mail using the coupon below along with \$39.25 (includes GST).

IMPORTANT:

- To ensure good reproduction, use good quality colour or black and white photos only.
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This year the Outlaws Club voted on what to do for a xmas party this year. Many great ideas were passed around about trying to keep costs down and also remembering we live in Alberta and the weather seldom cooperates we decided to go skating and then have a potluck supper with a gift exchange with the members drawing names to see who they would buy gift for (limit of 20 dollars per gift). The actual event took place on Sunday December 5th, we started with skating in Didsbury with most of our 19 members participating. It was fun to do another activity with the members, after we skated for about an hour we all headed off to the Rosebud Hall for the gift exchange. The hall was decorated nicely in xmas cheer thanks to the Pochapsky family with decorated tables and a christmas tree. After the paper settled we were able to see what each of us got for gifts, that was the best part of course. Lastly it was dinner time there was lots of food and desserts and I'm sure no one went home hungry. In the usual 4H manner we all helped to pitch in and put chairs and tables away. All in all it was a great xmas party.

Reported by McKenzie Kirton

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Red Crimson Seedless Grapes
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Folgers Classic Roast Coffee
or Decaffeinated 640-670 g.
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Regular or With Garlic
\$1.88
Per 100 g.

Dinner Rolls
White or 60% Whole Wheat
\$1.98
12 Pack

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2.82 acres straight west of Didsbury
1600 sq ft bungalow, slab on grade with in-floor heat,
large living areas, double sided
fireplace, oversized heated double garage, great
location on pavement, beautiful mature yard



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Great opportunity to finish a renovation
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103 Westview Greens



Level 2 bedrooms condo suite, 1 bath, 9' ceilings, oak kitchen with
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Lovely maintenance free living, new hardwood floors,
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104 Westpoint Place
over 1500 sq ft plus developed basement,
4 bedrooms, 3 1/2 baths, beautiful hickory
kitchen, gas fireplace, jetted tub, large yard, great
location!



\$359,900

1505 - 22 Avenue

Neat as a pin and upgraded with newer
windows, furnace, and more, 2 + 1 bedrooms, 2
baths, covered deck, single garage



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#82 Didsbury Mobile Home Park

low, low price for this little home that
needs some work, 1 year old furnace,
2 year old fridge, 2 bedrooms, 1 bath



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Tanglewood Acres!

2.2 acres, over 2100 sq ft home, open plan, gas
fireplace, jetted tub, ceramic tile floors, wrap-
around deck with hot tub, close to town



\$509,900

303 Campus Green

Largest floor plan in the building, 1300 sq ft of comfort and no
maintenance! 2 bedrooms, 2 baths, gas fireplace, wrap-around
patio enclosed balcony, great neighbours



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1514 - 18 Avenue

2 + 1 bedrooms, 2 baths, recent main floor approx
kitchen flooring, counter tops, bathroom new and
more, fireplace, double garage



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listenin'?

13 Princess Petra Avenue

Great investment with no condo fees!
3 bedrooms 1.5 baths, newer flooring, kitchen,
air conditioning in bedrooms, affordable!



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2202 - 20 Street

Terrific commercial land in down town Didsbury, 336
feet of frontage, fully serviced in 2 places, great
location



\$199,900

10 Westheights Drive

1400 sq ft family home, 4 bedrooms, many recent upgrades including
flooring, kitchen cabinets and much more, fireplace and wood stove, hard
wood, excellent location



\$277,000

105 Valarosa Place



Over 1800 sq ft of new home! 3 bedrooms,
2 1/2 baths, open floor plan, walk-through pantry,
corner fireplace, great ensuite, large lot

\$349,000 inc GST

2029 - 18 Avenue



Great possibilities with this home on an 80' X 120' lot with
residential/commercial zoning, family friendly home, main floor
laundry, new roof

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Paved road to laneway, mobile home, some
outbuildings, single garage, minutes from Sundre

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1306 - 23 Avenue



No Condo Fees! Lovely 45+ unit, hardwood,
vaulted ceilings, kitchen island and pantry,
gas fireplace, quiet area by the hospital

\$279,900

1155 Kildeer Close



2140 sq ft, open floor plan, maple kitchen,
hardwood, ceramic tile, gas fireplace,
fully finished with walkout basement,
well priced

\$369,900

1806 Anderson Court



Great starter or revenue property, total of 5
bedrooms, wood stove, full basement, 16' X
32' garage, fenced yard

\$169,900

2106 - 14 Avenue



Spacious home with large main
floor family room, 3 bedrooms, 2 baths,
main floor laundry, single garage

\$229,900

6 Valarosa Drive



open floor plan, vaulted ceiling, hickory
kitchen cabinets, jetted tub, mostly renovated
basement, large double garage, only 3 years old

\$274,900

107 Westridge Place



Over 1500 sq ft and fully developed,
open floor plan, 3 + 2 bedrooms, 3 baths,
gas fireplace, huge fenced yard

\$374,900

1807 Anderson Court



Attractive first time home or revenue
property, you own the lot, 1150 sq ft
4 bedrooms, no neighbours behind

\$109,900

1403B - 18 Avenue



Terrific half duplex, 4 bedrooms, 2 baths,
main floor laundry, wrap-around
garage, also fenced part

\$243,500

2510 - 15 Avenue



Super family home, fully finished, gas
fireplace, 3 bedrooms, 3 baths, wrap-around
deck, double garage, gorgeous yard

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18 Valarosa Cove



Brand new and Beautiful! over 1600 sq ft, hardwood, gas
fireplace, open plan, 9' ceilings, 3 bedrooms, 2 1/2
baths, main floor laundry, walk-out basement, and much
more!

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205 Campus Green



Maintenance free living, 2 bedrooms, 5 appliances, air
conditioning, balcony overlooking greenspace,
heated parking, reasonable condo fees

\$179,900

1525 - 20 Avenue



A real character! 4 bedrooms, 1 1/2 baths,
newer vinyl siding and windows, single garage,
residential/commercial zoning

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FRONT PORCH FOCUS

Zion Church invites you to their
Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
on December 24th at 7 p.m. The
hot cider will be ready by about
6:30 so come early for a visit.
Everyone welcome!

704 - 9 Avenue, Carstairs



116' X 328' (0.93 acres) light industrial lot,
serviced to the property line, good access
to Highway 2A and the DEH

\$224,900 + GST

304 Campus Green



corner unit with partly glassed in wrap-around
balcony, 2 bedrooms, open floor plan, oak cabinetry,
heated parking, great community in this building!

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area

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